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The present Amendment makes further changes in the claims that are cumulative to those that were made in Amendment "D" filed on November 20, 2006. In an Advisory Action dated December 18, 2006, the Examiner stated that Amendment "D" was entered, but did not place the application in condition for allowance.

In the interview conducted on November 2, 2006, as well as in the Advisory Action, the Examiner stated that claim 21 contained allowable subject matter, and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. By the present Amendment, the subject matter of claim 21 has been embodied in independent claim 1, and claim 21 accordingly has been cancelled. Claim 1 and claims 2-20 and 22-26 depending therefrom are therefore submitted to be in condition for allowance. Since claims 27-40 and 42 have already been allowed, all claims of the application are submitted to be in condition for allowance.

The present Amendment does not raise any new issues requiring further searching or consideration, and is therefore properly enterable at this state of prosecution after the Final Rejection. Entry of the present Amendment and allowance of the application are therefore respectfully requested.

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